(c) whether such regular periodical drives are likely to be maintained: and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). The Delhi Railway Police has been regularly conducting drives against the anti-social elements at the Railway Stations in Delhi. During the current year, 3787 persons (anti-social elements) were arrested as a result of these drives.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Expansion of F.A.C.T.**

2543. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to expand the F.A.C.T. at Alwaye in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposed amount for the expansion work at the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd. Alwaye in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c). Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) is setting up a new 900 tonnes per day (TPD) ammonia plant at Udyogamandal at an estimated cost of Rs. 618 crore. The project is scheduled to be commissioned in June/July, 1997.

Environmental clearance for FACT's proposal for establishing a 900 TPD sulphuric acid plant at Ambalamedu at an estimated cost of Rs. 88.20 crores is awaited.

The proposal for building a 300 TPD Methanol plant at Udyogamandal at an estimated cost of Rs. 114.26 crore has not been found economically viable.

**Opening of Tefulia Corridor**

2544. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open Tefulia Corridor to connect Dinajpur with Jalpaiguri through Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The Ministry of External Affairs has informed that the proposal to open Tefulia Corridor to connect Dinajpur and Jalpaiguri through Bangladesh has not been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh. Our proposals for overall multi-modal transit facilities through Bangladesh has not evoked any positive response from Bangladesh side.

**School Going Children**

2545. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of school going children killed in road accident in Delhi during the last six months;

(b) whether these accidents are due to non-availability of traffic personnel/red lights at the red light crossing in the morning from 6 A.M. to 8 A.M.;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government are also facing acute shortage of traffic personnel to cope up with this problem; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The number of such children killed in road accidents in Delhi during the period extending from June, 1996 to November, 1996 was 14.

(b) and (c). Apart from deploying staff for carrying speedy checks, the traffic signals remain functional during the morning hours.

(d) and (e). There was a shortage of police personnel in the traffic unit of Delhi Police, but recently the Government of India has sanctioned 1102 additional posts for this unit. The recruitment process in this regard has been completed and the recruits are at present on training.

**Nature Conservation Walk**

2546. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether first Nature Conservation Walk has been organised in Delhi in November, 1996 by the World Wide Fund for Nature;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background including number of participants;

(c) whether the walk had some objectives;

(d) if so, the details thereof with the success made to achieve the objectives;

(e) whether the Government propose to issue instructions for such walks in other major cities of the country; and